

## 2019-2020 LEGISLATION OF INTEREST FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The 2019 Session (1st regular session) of the 123rd SC General Assembly convened on January 8, 2019 and is scheduled to end sine die on May 9, 2019. Bills introduced during the 1st session and not passed will be carried over to the 2nd session, which begins on January 14, 2020 and is scheduled to end sine die on May 14, 2020

The report below includes selected bills of interest for higher education. The listing is not exhaustive. Bill numbers below are linked -- The link should direct you to the most current information for the bill. For additional information on legislation, [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov).

*Note: This listing is for general informational purposes only. The bills presented below are those identified by CHE staff review of legislation introduced in the General Assembly which directly related to or impact higher education. For the most up-to-date information on legislative activity as well as full text of these and all other bills, go to SC's legislative information website for the General Assembly at [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov). Bill numbers below are linked to the current version for the bill.*

### House bills (denoted by H.) / Senate bills (denoted by S.)

Legislation is listed in numeric order. House (H.) bills are listed first and followed by Senate (S.) bills and Regulations. Numbering of Senate bills begins at 1 and numbering of House bills begins at 3000. Enacted legislation is shaded in yellow and assigned Act numbers are provided preceding the bill number.

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<b>SENATE BILLS</b>							
<a href="#">S. 25</a>	<a href="#">H. 3214</a>	<b>South Carolina Promise Scholarship Act</b>	Amending the SC Promise Scholarship to require that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall administer and provide requirements for scholarship recipients	Senators Hutto, Setzler, Jackson, Nicholson, Scott, Johnson, Kimpson, McElveen, Sabb, Fanning and Harpootlian	1/8/2019	Finance	In Committee
<a href="#">S.33</a>		<b>Campus Free Expression Act</b>	Mandating free speech on campus, including punishments for people trying to block free speech, and implementing a free speech issues annual report	Senator Grooms	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S.35</a>	<a href="#">H. 4296</a>	<b>Reinforcing College Education on America's Constitutional Heritage (REACH) Act</b>	Mandating each undergraduate student take a 3-hour course on American government documents with exemptions for students who took an AP or dual credit American government course in high school.	Senator Grooms	1/8/2019	House Education and Public Works	Passed Senate 29-7 with 2 amendments on 2/13/19, adjourned debate in Committee
<a href="#">S.49</a>		non-state board members	Allowing members of institutions' boards of trustees to not need to be residents of the state	Senator Malloy	1/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">S.68</a>		state board of regents	Establishing a South Carolina College and University Board of Regents that will take the responsibilities of CHE and SBTCE	Senator Malloy	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 87</a>		<b>Student Association Freedom of Religion Act</b>	Mandating that public college and universities don't deny benefits to religious student associations that are offered to other student associations	Senator Campsen	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 114</a>		out-of-state scholarship	Providing LIFE, HOPE, or Palmetto scholarship funds to South Carolina resident students who are at a college or university out of state because no institution in SC offers the program	Senator Massey	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 143</a>		scholarship changes	1) Mandating the State Board of Education establish a scholarship for teachers who intend to work in critical need areas of the state 2) Requiring the amount that a LIFE scholarship recipient receive be based on family income level 3) Increasing the amount of the HOPE scholarship to \$3,000	Senator Scott	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 152</a>		monument removal changes	Amending the restriction on the alteration, relocation, and removal of monuments so that it does not apply to school districts and colleges and universities.	Senator Scott	1/8/2019	Finance	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 212</a>		military spouse in-state tuition	Expanding the in-state tuition rate for the spouse or child of a military personnel or veteran	Senator Young	1/8/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 275</a>		threat of bodily harm	Making it illegal to make a threat of bodily harm at a college or university	Senator Senn	1/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 276</a>		threat of building damage	Making it illegal to make a threat or solicit someone to damage or harm someone on any government building, private school, college, or university	Senator Senn	1/8/2019	House Judiciary	Passed Senate 30-10 on 4/10/19, Introduced in the House
<a href="#">S. 283</a>		<b>The State Institution of Higher Education Enterprise Act</b>	Permitting institutional Boards of Trustees to establish an enterprise division exempt from some state laws for athletics and auxiliary programs	Senator Talley	1/8/2019		Favorable from Committee with amendment

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<a href="#">S. 298</a>	<a href="#">H. 4576</a>	<b>Higher Education Opportunity Act</b>	1-1) Increasing higher ed funding as a percentage of General Fund revenue, 1-2) Developing a trust fund to provide scholarship and operational funds, 1-3) Establishing a higher ed repair and renovation fund administered by the Executive Budget Office, 2) Normalizing the 10-point grading scale for scholarship eligibility, 3) Appropriating more need-based grant funding, 4) Not allowing the use more of the General Fund for scholarships than what was used in 2018-19, 5) Moving STEM scholarship stipends from sophomore to junior year, 6) Requiring all institutions to send maintenance and improvement projects to the Executive Budget Office, 7) Adding an index for inflation to the projected cost for projects, 8) Limiting the amount of Institution Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan recommendations that need CHE approval, 9) Limiting the amount of construction or purchases that need CHE approval, 10) Requiring the CHE to submit policy statements and rules for approval to the General Assembly, 11) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall use a vendor to administer the Student Loan Default Aversion and Financial Literacy Program	Senators Sheheen, Peeler, Jackson, Williams, Talley, Setzler, Gregory and Campbell	1/8/2019		Up for Senate 2nd Reading, contested by Hembree and Sheheen
<a href="#">S. 313</a>		Speech pathologist licensing changes	Changing the requirements for speech pathologist licensing related to continuing education hours and bachelor's degrees	Senator Alexander	1/8/2019	Labor, Commerce and Industry	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 419</a>	<a href="#">H. 3759</a>	<b>South Carolina Career Opportunity and Access for All Act</b>	1) Developing of 2030 College and Career Readiness goals, 2) Develop <b>Student Bill of Rights</b> , 3) develop "Zero to Twenty" education committee, 4-1) Development of a high school computer science course and certification program for computer science teachers, 4-2) Remove social studies from high school areas assessed, 4-3) Adding new requirements for the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarships including dual enrollment option, 4-4) developing English/language arts standards, 4-5) CHE must convene the Advisory Committee on Academic Program to develop a state-wide articulation agreements and dual enrollment, 4-6) Requiring remedial coursework to be only taken at high school (not at a college), 4-7) CHE must help in developing a career pathways system, 4-8) SBTCE must establish common admission scores and provide information about continuing education program for people who do not meet the minimum requirements, 4-9) Moving adult education to the SBTCE, increase career and technical education in high school, 4-10) Developing schools of innovation, 5-1) changing education preparation standards, 5-2) Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Assessment shall update their teacher survey to address working conditions, 5-3) developing new standards for teacher salaries, adding a tuition waiver of children of teachers, allowing school boards to authorize mileage for teachers, 6) increasing school accountability, developing "transformation school district" for underperforming schools, 7) developing local school board accountability	Senators Hembree, Malloy, Turner, Setzler and Sheheen	1/24/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 431</a>	<a href="#">H. 3404</a>	DREAMer residency	Providing in-state residency status for "DREAMers" at public colleges and universities	Senators Hutto and Jackson	1/24/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 588</a>		adjustments to the 1976 <b>Education and Accountability Act</b>	Creating a fund through State Dept. of Ed to reimburse teachers for the tuition costs associated with getting a literacy add-on endorsement	Senators Sheheen, J. Matthews, Hembree and Bennett	2/28/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 627</a>		Campus property tax exemption	Extending the exemption on property tax to cover housing, dining, parking, athletics, or other auxiliary approved by CHE, JBRC, SFAA, and the board when the entity is contractually obligated to offer the service to the college or university	Senator Campbell	3/7/2019	Finance	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 641</a>		<b>The Campus Intellectual Diversity Act</b>	Requiring CHE to establish, fund, and staff an Office of Public Policy Events on every campus that would organize open debates and forums that would address divergent view points. The office could invite speakers with a diversity of perspectives. The office would be responsible for maintaining a calendar and video recordings of all events.	Senator Grooms	3/12/2019	Education	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 699</a>		Student threat penalty	including a penalty of a fine and/or jail time for a student convicted of making threats using any form of communication	Senator McLeod	3/21/2019	Judiciary	In Committee

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<a href="#">S. 739</a>		Ride hailing service safety	A concurrent resolution asking local governments, law enforcement, and colleges and universities to improve the safety of ride-hailing services	Senators Senn and Harpootlian	4/3/2019	Transportation	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 772</a>		Improving ride-sharing safety	Encouraging local governments, agencies, colleges and universities to work with transportation network and ride-hailing services to improve safety	Senators Senn and Harpootlian	4/18/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">S. 798</a>		Revisions to the Univ. of S.C. Board of Trustees	Reducing the size of the board of trustees and the areas for selection, changing the terms of the elected board members, and revising certain powers and limiting how special meeting can be called	Senators Peeler and Harpootlian	4/30/2019	Education	In Committee
<b>HOUSE BILLS</b>							
<a href="#">H. 3010</a>		encourage U.S. Congress for debt-free college	Encouraging the US Congress to enact legislation to make sure students have access to debt-free higher education	Rep. Cobb-Hunter	1/8/2019	Invitations and Memorial Resolutions	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3056</a>		hazing law changes	Expanding the definition of hazing and increasing the penalties of the acts.	Reps. Clary, Clyburn and Norrell	1/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H.3098</a>		in-state student status	1) Making students exempt from out-of-state tuition and eligible for state scholarships if he or she went to high school in the state for 3 or more years, graduated in-state, received a diploma, and registers at an institution, 2) Students without lawful immigration status if he or she files an affidavit stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, 3) CHE shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions	Rep. Rutherford	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3099</a>		<b>Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act</b>	1) Making it illegal to block someone's free speech opportunity on a campus, 2) Mandating that public colleges and universities cannot deny religious, political, or ideological organizations a benefit given to other student groups, 3) Requiring that each institution prepare a report, post it on their website, and submit a report on action implemented to comply with the requirements to CHE	Rep. G. R. Smith	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	tabled in subcommittee
<a href="#">H. 3100</a>		American Government class	1) CHE and the colleges and universities may identify a listing of recommended instructional materials of essential American Government documents, 2) Requiring students to take one American government class in higher education	Rep. G. R. Smith	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3102</a>		scholarships guidelines	Eliminating the restriction that Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE must not have a drug or alcohol offense.	Rep. Stavrinakis	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3140</a>		scholarship changes	1) Providing full tuition scholarships for teachers to study master degrees in their content areas, 2) CHE shall develop a list of programs in the state, teachers can seek approval of programs from CHE, 3) Providing full tuition scholarships for students agree to be teachers in schools (public or independent), 4) Providing grants to teachers to repay student loans, 5) LIFE and HOPE scholarships would be closed for future students	Rep. Collins	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3156</a>		deferring Palmetto	Allowing students to defer the award from winning the Palmetto Fellows scholarship for 1 year	Rep. Norrell	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3183</a>		tax credit for loans	Expanding education loan payment tax credit and provide a tax credit for education loan payment by employers	Rep. Pendarvis	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3197</a>		<b>Student Loan Bill of Rights Act</b>	1) Using licensing and investigation fees, CHE shall establish a student loan ombudsman, 2) The ombudsman shall investigate student loan issues in the state, 3) The Executive Director of CHE will submit a report on action taken and recommendations for student loan servicing	Rep. Govan	1/8/2019		favorable from committee with amendment
<a href="#">H. 3199</a>		financial literacy on loans	Requiring the student financial literacy program must include information on education loans	Rep. Govan	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee

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<a href="#">H. 3218</a>		<b>Metal Detectors in Public Schools Act</b>	Requiring metal detectors at all public entrances to public schools and higher education institutions in the state	Rep. Gilliard	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3254</a>		military spouse and widow free tuition	Extending free tuition benefits for veteran's children to also include spouse or widow	Rep. Hosey	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3324</a>		<b>College Financial Literacy Act</b>	1) Expanding the financial literacy program so that CHE would work with public higher ed institutions to help 8th graders, 12th graders, and college students, 2) Education counseling must be offered for students who wish to transfer or withdraw from public colleges and universities	Rep. King	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3330</a>		notice before scholarship cancelling	Requiring colleges and universities to provide a written notice 90 days before tuition is due if they cancel or reduce a student's scholarship	Rep. King	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3337</a>		tax credit for teacher master's degree	Providing income tax credit for teachers making tuition payments on a master's degree	Rep. Collins	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3348</a>		<b>Title IX Violation Notification Act</b>	Requiring a five-year period after graduation or withdrawal where a person with a Title IX violation has it listed on their transcript	Rep. Huggins	1/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3353</a>		audits	Requiring the Legislative Audit Council to perform a management performance audit of each public college and university	Rep. King	1/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3403</a>		competency-based schools	1) Exempting students in competency-based schools from certain state regulations, 2) CHE and State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education shall establish policies for students who go to competency-based schools	Reps. Collins, Allison, Felder, Govan, Taylor, Bradley, West, Erickson and Stringer	1/8/2019	Senate Education	Passed House 89-0, in Senate Committee
<a href="#">H. 3404</a>		DREAMer residency	Providing in-state residency status for "DREAMers" at public colleges and universities	Reps. Collins, Bernstein, Erickson, Cobb-Hunter, Rutherford, Norrell, King, Henegan, Wheeler, Thigpen, Brawley and Pendarvis	1/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3410</a>		local tax on higher ed	Allowing counties and municipalities to impose a community charge (tax) on hospitals or higher ed institutions	Rep. Rutherford	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3413</a>		student tax credit definition change	Redefine student for the tax credit to add people who completed a GED and remove conditions about not having a drug or alcohol offense	Rep. Stavrinakis and Hosey	1/8/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3576</a>		SC Workforce Industry Needs (SC WINS) scholarship	Establishing a new scholarship for technical colleges for LTAP scholarship receivers who take at least 6 hours and pursue an associate degree or certificate in a critical workforce area defined by SBTCE	Reps. White, Cobb-Hunter and Garvin	1/15/2019		Passed House 105-0 on 1/31/19, and favorable from Senate Education, read for second time in Senate
<a href="#">H. 3577</a>		Alternative educator programs	Higher education institutions can submit a separate educator preparation program to the State Board of Education that does not need to be nationally accredited	Reps. Allison, Taylor and Felder	1/15/2019	Senate Education	Passed House 100-3 on 4/9/19, referred to Senate Education
<a href="#">H. 3578</a>		Educator information	The Dept. of Ed. shall provide information to educator preparation programs with information on graduates' performance aggregated by class. The schools must keep identifiable information confidential and can't share it with 3rd parties without written consent.	Allison, Taylor, Felder and Stringer	1/15/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3757</a>		Establishing state longitudinal data set	Establishing the Workforce and Education Data Oversight Committee to oversee the collection cross-department, individual, longitudinal data	Reps. Lucas and Collins	1/24/2019	Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry	Passed House 92-8 on 5/2/19, referred to Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry



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<a href="#">H. 3781</a>		Creation of Higher Ed Scholarship Endowment Fund	Creating the Higher Education Scholarship Endowment Fund, Requiring unclaimed prize money being deposited in the account, Requiring Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE recipients to receive the funding based on the credit hours attempted, Eliminating the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE stipend, repealing Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grant program	Rep. White	1/29/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3921</a>		Sexual assault awareness	1) Requiring institutions a way for an employee or student to electronically report anonymous allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking, 2) Requiring a campus orientation on the sexual assault policy and an email on the policy each semester, 3) Providing counseling for perpetrator and victims of sexual assault, 4) Allowing perpetrators and victims to drop a course without an academic penalty if both parties are enrolled.	Rep. Norrell	2/7/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3922</a>		No punishment for sexual assault victims or witnesses	Restricting higher education institutions from disciplining someone who reports being a victim of or witness to a sexual assault.	Rep. Norrell	2/7/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3936</a>		Palmetto Fellows Scholarship at 2-year institutions	Allowing Palmetto Fellows recipients to attend a community college for four semesters then keep the scholarship if they transfer to a public four-year institution.	Reps. Davis and Daning	2/12/2019	Senate Education	Passed House 109-2 on 4/3/19, referred to Senate Education
<a href="#">H. 3940</a>		Tuition waiver for children of wartime veterans	Providing a tuition waiver for children of active wartime service members	Reps. Murphy, Sandifer, Yow, Bryant, and others	2/12/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 3972</a>		<b>South Carolina Course Access Act</b>	The Education Oversight Committee will provide a list of courses that students can complete in high school. CHE will approve the courses.	Reps. Elliott, G.R. Smith, Loftis, Burns, B. Cox, Willis, Cogswell and Bannister	2/13/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4023</a>		Eliminate restriction of concealed firearms at post-secondary institution	Removing the restriction on carrying a concealed firearm on the premises of a post-secondary institution or college athletic event.	Reps. Long and Magnuson	2/19/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4076</a>		board members sign document on duties	Requiring new members of the board of public agencies or institutions of higher education must sign a document that has the organization's duties and powers.	Reps. Tallon, Hixon, Johnson and W. Newton	2/26/2019		favorable from committee with amendment
<a href="#">H. 4151</a>		real estate license requirement change	Providing an option that people can use college credit as their educational requirement for board approval to be state-certified residential real estate appraisers	Reps. West, Kirby, Jefferson, R. Williams, and others	2/28/2019	Labor, Commerce, and Industry	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4264</a>		tuition exemption for children of physicians	Extending tuition exemption to the children of physicians who work in underserved areas of the state	Reps. Ridgeway and Wheeler	3/19/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee

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<a href="#">H. 4368</a>		Palmetto Fellows regulation	Updating and changing the regulations (4816) for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program including allowing students to defer the award for one year.	Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee	3/28/2019	Senate Education	Regulation approved on auto promulgate date, 5/8/19
<a href="#">H. 4404</a>		<b>Veterans Nursing Degree Opportunity Act</b>	Requiring CHE, SBTCE, State Board of Nursing, and the Division of Veterans' Affairs to collaborate on identifying gaps in military training and academic requirements for nursing education programs, so veterans could apply their training toward the requirements for an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing.	Reps. Stringer, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Yow, Huggins, Ballentine, and others	4/4/2019		favorable from committee
<a href="#">H. 4414</a>		Expanding dual enrollment for all high schools	Making dual enrollment courses available at all high schools, establishing requirements for who can enroll in the courses, and eliminating the minimum credit requirements for dual enrolled students.	Rep. B. Newton	4/4/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4453</a>		<b>State Institutions of Higher Education Efficiency Act</b>	Allowing Boards of Trustees at state colleges and universities to establish an auxiliary division. Assets can go to the division and the division is exempt from state laws on procurement. The divisions would have the ability to purchase and approve contracts.	Reps. Elliott, Bannister and Clary	4/11/2019	Ways and Means	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4575</a>		Changing the amount given for Palmetto Fellows or LIFE	Changing the amount given for the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarship so that it equals the amount available to each student divided by 120 and multiplied by the number of hours attempted each semester	Rep. White	5/8/2019	Education and Public Works	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4576</a>	<a href="#">S. 298</a>	<b>Higher Education Opportunity Act</b>	1-1) Increasing higher ed funding as a percentage of General Fund revenue, 1-2) Developing a trust fund to provide scholarship and operational funds, 1-3) Establishing a higher ed repair and renovation fund administered by the Executive Budget Office, 2) Normalizing the 10-point grading scale for scholarship eligibility, 3) Appropriating more need-based grant funding, 4) Not allowing the use more of the General Fund for scholarships than what was used in 2018-19, 5) Moving STEM scholarship stipends from sophomore to junior year, 6) Requiring all institutions to send maintenance and improvement projects to the Executive Budget Office, 7) Adding an index for inflation to the projected cost for projects, 8) Limiting the amount of Institution Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan recommendations that need CHE approval, 9) Limiting the amount of construction or purchases that need CHE approval, 10) Requiring the CHE to submit policy statements and rules for approval to the General Assembly, 11) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall use a vendor to administer the Student Loan Default Aversion and Financial Literacy Program	Rep. White	5/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4580</a>		Lottery funds for only higher education assistance	Changing the State constitution to say that Education Lottery Account proceeds must only be used for higher education tuition assistance and scholarships.	Rep. White	5/8/2019	Judiciary	In Committee
<a href="#">H. 4596</a>		vacancies on higher education boards	Making people who made campaign contributions to General Assembly candidates in the past 12 months ineligible to serve on the board	Rep. Finlay	5/9/2019	Judiciary	In Committee

**HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATION ENACTED in 2019-20**

<a href="#">H. 3673</a>	<a href="#">S. 403</a>	Carolina Day	Making January 30, 2019, "Carolina Day" in the State House to honor the University of South Carolina	Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, and others	1/22/2019		Adopted 1/22/19
<a href="#">S. 228</a>	<a href="#">H. 3105</a>	Tri-County Enterprise	Creating the Tri-County Technical College Enterprise Authority like what has been done at other technical colleges	Senator Gambrell	1/8/2019	Governor signed on 2/21/19,, Act No. 2	Passed Senate 40-0 on 1/29/19, Passed House 100-0 on 2/7/19

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<a href="#">H. 3639</a>		Military & dependents in-state status for tuition	Allowing military personnel and their dependents to be granted in-state status at public institutions without regard to how long they have resided in the state	Reps. Taylor and Allison	1/16/2019	Governor signed on 3/20/19, Act No. 10	Passed House 109-0 on 2/13/19, Passed Senate 42-0 on 2/27/19
<a href="#">H. 3697</a>		25% attendance regulation	Providing CHE alternative program completion options for students to bypass the requirement that 25% of the program must be completed at the institution awarding the degree in cases of students from the closed Education Corporation of America institutions.	Reps. Taylor, Allison, Gilliard and Simmons	1/22/2019	Governor signed on 3/20/19, Act No. 102	Passed House 113-0 on 1/23/19 and passed Senate 44-0 on 2/19/19
<a href="#">H. 4324</a>		South Carolina Technical College System Day	Recognizing April 3, 2019 as "South Carolina Technical College System Day"	Reps. Allison, Alexander, Anderson, and others	3/27/2019		Introduced and adopted 3/27/19, Senate Adopted 4/2/19
<a href="#">S. 683</a>		Independent Colleges and Universities Week and Day	Recognizing April 8-12 as "Independent Colleges and Universities Week" and April 10 as Independent Colleges and Universities Day In South Carolina	Senator Sheheen	3/20/2019		Adopted by Senate and House on 4/9/19
<a href="#">H. 3398</a>		<b>Tucker Hipps Transparency Act</b> permanent	Repealing the sunset provisions of 3 years on the act, which requires universities to report student groups acts of misconduct	Reps. Clary and Norrell	1/8/2019	Governor signed on 4/26/19, Act No. 24	Passed House 106-0 on 2/12/19, Passed Senate 37-0 on 4/11/19
<a href="#">H. 4000</a>		Appropriations for operations	Appropriations bill for state government operations	Ways and Means Committee	3/5/2019	certain items vetoed by Governor 5/28/19, Act No. 91	Passed House 100-2 on 3/13/19, Passed Senate 38-6 on 4/18/19, conference committee passed House 105-6 and Senate 32-8 on 5/21/19
<a href="#">H. 4001</a>		Appropriations for capital reserve	Appropriations bill for capital reserve funds	Ways and Means Committee	3/5/2019	Signed by Governor 5/28/19, Act No. 92	Passed House 94-1 on 3/13/19, Passed Senate 44-0 on 4/18/19, conference committee passed House 105-2 and Senate 40-0 on 5/21/19

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Reg. Document Number	Promulgating Agency & Subject	Descriptive Information	Status
<a href="#">4816</a>	Commission on Higher Education	Changes and updates to the regulations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program including allowing students to defer the award for one year.	approved on auto promulgate date 5/8/19
<a href="#">4875</a>	Commission on Higher Education	Providing CHE alternative program completion options for students from the closed Education Corporation of America institutions no not have to be required to complete 25% of the coursework at the degree-granting institution.	Emergency regulation, expired on 4/23/2019